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Sir:

Responsive to the Final Official Action dated August 6, 2007, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration in view of the following amendments and remarks.

In addition, the applicant(s) have petitioned for a one (1) month extension of time and paid concurrently herewith the appropriate fee for extending the period of response up to and including <u>December 6, 2007</u>.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.